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-- 24. The functional food or drink according to claim 13, which has at least one effect for improving visual function selected from effects (1) to (8) as follows:

- (1) an effect of alleviating asthenopia;
- (2) an effect of lowered visual acuity;
- (3) an effect of alleviating myopia;
- (4) an effect of lowering refraction power of crystalline lens;
- (5) an effect of visual acuity in darkness;
- (6) an effect of improving adaptation to darkness;
- (7) an effect of improving retinal function; and
- (8) an effect of improving rental rod. --

REMARKS

In the preliminary amendment filed together with the application in December 28, 2002, new claim 23 was improperly numbered. This claim should have been numbered "claim 22," because there was no claim 22 at the time this claim was added to the application. In the foregoing amendments, previously numbered claim 23 was renumber to claim 22. The foregoing amendment also included editorial changes to claim 19. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim 19 and 23 by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

In the foregoing amendments, claim 16 was canceled and claims 23 and 24 added to the application. Accordingly, claims 1-14 and 18-24 are in the application for examination. Early consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 19 was amended as follows:

--19. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 2 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin with delphinidin content being 0.5 to [15] 12.5 % by weight, preferably 2.5 to 12.5% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.--

Claim 23 was renumbered claim 22 as follows:

-- [23] 22. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 3 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside with the delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside content being 0.4 to 10% by weight, preferably 2 to 10% by weight, on the basis of solid matters. --